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Jacky Grimshaw has led an inspiring career in the area of public policy, and more currently, transit-oriented development. She has passionately contributed to the sustainability movement in the economic, social, and environmental realms, and is currently the Vice President of Policy, Transportation, and Community Development at the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) in Chicago. Grimshaw inspires us to return to a more human-scale lifestyle and retreat from the suburban sprawl that has dominated planning initiatives of the last century. She advocates for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) as a solution to the growing problems of global warming and peak oil. TOD works towards the creation of compact, walkable communities centered around high quality train systems, improving the quality of life without the dependence on cars.

Before becoming a leader of CNT, she was the Deputy City Treasurer for Economic Development in Chicago, facilitating lending to small, minority, and disadvantaged businesses. She was the Director of the Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and was the former board vice chair and current member of the Congress for the New Urbanism. Grimshaw organized the Citizen's Leadership Commission, uniting 190 groups in developing public consensus for long range transportation plans and sustainable options. She was the co-chair of the Community Mobility Task Force which focused on environmental justice issues and chairs the Transportation Research Board Committee on Environmental Justice in Transportation. Grimshaw also organized the Citizen's Commission for Clean Air in the Lake Michigan Basin.

Jacky serves on numerous boards, including: Congress for New Urbanism, Chicago Transit Authority's Citizens Advisory Board, Renew America-Renew the Earth, Smart Growth America, Smart Growth Network, Surface Transportation Policy Project, and the National Academy of Sciences' Transportation Research Board's Committees on Women's Issues in Transportation and Environmental Justice. She was a member of the Energy and Transportation Task Force of the President's Council on Sustainable Development and has been a longtime activist for social justice.

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